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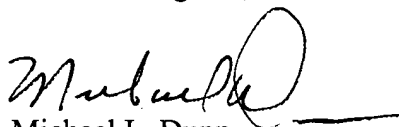
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**Re: U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/069,636**  
**For: DISCHARGE VALVE FOR CO<sub>2</sub> PRESSURE CYLINDERS**  
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**Our Ref. No.: 1032.WSP204US**

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Please find enclosed a copy of a Notice of Appeal for the above-identified patent application, the original of which was mailed this day to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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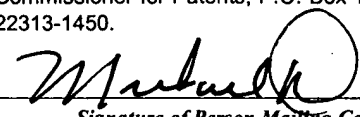
  
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